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April 24, 1929

The American Numismatic Society
155th Street and Broadway
New York City, New York

Dear Sirs:

In answer to my letter of April 4 you questioned the occurrence of dates on coins during the period from 1105 to 1485. It is highly possible that these are English tokens and similar illegal money of other countries of this period. The coins are of the smaller dimensions and crudely made.

Such material may have been used by the Cabots in trading with the Indians. The Cabots certainly were familiar with Eastern coins bearing dates, some as far back as 23 B. C.

If you have a collection of English tokens of the fifteenth century, similar money for that period from other countries, or material giving information on such money I feel certain that we can establish the authenticity of the find and make a valuable contribution to history. If this material is available I shall be glad to bring the material to New York for further investigation or send you photographs.

Very respectfully yours,

A. B. Scales

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Sent photos as prelim.

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May 21, 1929

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 153 & 156 St
New York City, New York

Dear Sirs:

In compliance with your suggestion in the April 27 communication we are sending photographs of the historical collection for your examination. In order that you may more fully appreciate the possible significance of the find we are sending photographs of plates and cup as well as coins.

Your decision concerning the material will be of the greatest importance to us. If you can find facts that will justify a belief in the authenticity of the collection it is our plan, to seek financial assistance from some university or foundation that will make possible a very thorough historical research in Europe. We believe from the facts already collected that a valuable contribution may be made to history.

University authorities in chemistry, history, English, language, and philology have passed favorable opinions concerning the collection. Among these are:

Dean Kendrick Charles Babcock	University of Illinois (Urbana)
Dean Paul Prentice Boyd	University of Kentucky (Lexington)
Dean John R. Effinger	University of Michigan (Ann Arbor)
Dean Addison Hibbard	University of N. Carolina (Chapel Hill)
Dean Herman Gerlach James	University of Nebraska (Lincoln)
Dean John B. Johnston	University of Minnesota (Minneapolis)
Dean Virgil Laurens Jones	University of Arkansas (Fayetteville)
Dean George Frederick Kay	University of Iowa (Iowa City)
Dean Hanson Tufts Parlin	University of Texas (Austin)

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Dean Samuel Watson Reaves	University of Oklahoma (Norman)
Dean George C. Sellery	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Dean W. J. Shepard	Ohio State University (Columbus)
Dean E. S. Sparks	University of S. Dakota (Vermillion)
Dean Vernon P. Squires	University of N. Dakota (Grand Forks)
Dean F. M. Tisdell	University of Missouri (Columbia)
Dean D. A. Rothrock	Indiana University (Bloomington)
Dean S. E. Stout	Indiana University (Bloomington)
Dean H. L. Smith	Dean School of Education Indiana University
Pres. W. L. Bryan	Pres. Indiana University

and many others.

Will you please return the photographs in the
enclosed envelope?

Very truly yours,

A. B. Scales

J. P. Sharp

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